

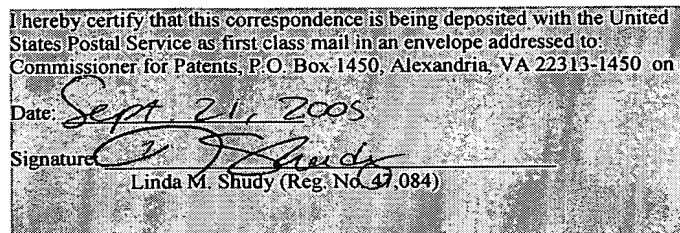


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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.